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A VITAL MATTER.

It would be a source of humiliation and regret if Bloomfield's centennial year was marked by the infliction upon the town by its neighboring municipalities, Montclair and East Orange, of a nuisance, destroying the town's reputation as a residential place and casting a deadly blight upon its future. Unless the proposed project to make this town and Belleville the receptacles for the sewage of Montclair and East Orange and subject the same to treatment here can be successfully opposed, the centennial period instead of a time of rejoicing will be a time of weeping and wailing.

The situation with respect to this sewage disposal matter is more serious than many of our citizens realize it to be, and it calls for the prompt exertion of all the influence that can be brought from every source by every citizen and organization in the town to combat the Montclair-East Orange scheme.

The present danger lies with the State Board of Health. That body, if the situation is correctly diagnosed, is not going to give much consideration to the petitions of this town, Belleville and Nutley that they be protected against the nuisance that they are threatened with.

Members of the local Board of Health who attended the annual meeting of the State Board of Health at Trenton on Wednesday made it a point to talk with members of the State board about the design of Montclair and East Orange and they found there a situation that was not at all encouraging for Bloomfield and Belleville interests. The representatives from the local Health Board made it clear to the members of the State Health Board that the locating of the sewerage plant as proposed would be resisted to the utmost by Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley.

It so happens that Montclair and East Orange both have representatives in the State Board of Health. Dr. Newton from the first named place and George P. Olcott from the last, and the representatives from the town paid particular attention to these two men. The State Health Board members, including Messrs. Newton and Olcott, all at first professed to know but very little about the Montclair-East Orange project and showed an ugly disposition when the matter was taken up with them and declared that the State board would pass only on the sanitary features of the Inhoff system and that any damages to property owners or injury to the town would be a matter to be fought out and determined in the courts.

The local representatives were satisfied from the outcome of their several discussions that the members of the State board had been giving much attention to the Montclair-East Orange matter and that powerful influences were at work to secure the board's approval of the Inhoff system, and that the Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley opposition was going to be dismissed as a mere matter of sentiment and without bearing upon the sanitary questions involved.

Mr. Olcott in the heat of discussion blurted out that he approved of the Plainfield plant and that it worked satisfactory and was one of the best in this section of the country. Plainfield officials whom the local representatives met at Trenton said that the sewage disposal plant in operation in that city was not satisfactory and that it was a source of continuous trouble and that Plainfield officials held a meeting Tuesday to consider plans for a tide-water outlet for the city's sewage.

As before stated this matter of the location of the receiving basins of the Inhoff sewage disposal plant that Montclair and East Orange intend to build is a very serious one for this town and its consideration should take precedent at the present time over any other matter of public concern. It is a matter that involves the vital welfare of Bloomfield. If the promoters of the Inhoff project succeed a large depreciation of property values will follow and local business of every kind be more or less seriously affected.

The Board of Trade should get busy and arouse its large membership to the danger confronting the town and take action towards protecting our town's interests against injury. Such work would be in line with what the people expect from the Board of Trade if it is to accomplish any good.

The Board of Health and Town Council have taken action towards fighting the Montclair-East Orange scheme and should have the backing



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of the Board of Trade and every citizen in the town in the steps they have taken. Any resolutions adopted by the Board of Trade should be transmitted to every member of the State Board of Health, to the representatives in the Senate and Assembly and to the governor.

Every citizen should exercise his personal influence along the same lines. Prompt action is necessary to make the State Health Board members realize that they represent the interests of Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley as well as those of East Orange and Montclair, and that the three first named towns are of as much importance as the two other municipalities. If this Inhoff scheme has any merit (we do not think it has) let both Montclair and East Orange locate and maintain their sewage disposal plants within their own territorial limits.

Glen Ridge Garbage Disposal.
The Glen Ridge Garbage Disposal Committee, consisting of F. D. Bell, chairman; Charles Ames, H. K. Benson and W. M. Beard, have been actively at work during the last several months investigating the different methods of garbage disposal. They have visited various incinerating plants including those at the Long Island Hospital, Staten Island and Trenton. The committee has also investigated the Montclair method of disposal by utilization through farmers who raise hogs. It is known that the members of the committee are favorably impressed with the Montclair plan as effective and economical, and they are now looking up farmers who may desire the garbage for their hogs.

Morris Canal Bill In.
Governor Wilson sent to the two houses Monday night the report of the special commission appointed by the last Legislature to prepare a bill for the abandonment of the Morris Canal.

On request of former Justice Van Syckel, a member of the commission, Senator Edge introduced the canal abandonment bill. He said he did so without any personal knowledge of the merits of the measure. The bill was referred to the committee on railroads and canals. Orders were issued for the printing of 1,000 copies, and it was decided to give a hearing on the bill at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday, January 20.

Winter Garden Theatre.
The latest motion pictures and illustrated songs with added attractions still prevail at the popular play house, the Winter Garden Theatre. To-day the picture "She" in two reels will be shown. On Thursday of next week a musical show will be given and a special picture shown. Six acts of vaudeville will also be given to-day and Thursday the 25th inst. Manager Earle has a big surprise in store for the theatre patrons. A special preparation is being put on the picture screen which will make the pictures brighter. Interior decorations are being made, which when completed will make the Winter Garden a handsome amusement place. Matinee to-day at 2 o'clock and evening performance at 7 and 9 o'clock.

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part of the person responsible for the keeping of the station open. The lights in the Lackawanna place entrance to the station will naturally attract travellers to that most convenient entrance to an otherwise most inconveniently located station, and it is a grievous fault to have the doors to that entrance looked at any of the hours during which trains are scheduled to run. To the man who is posted in the various mountainous routes to the station platform it would be a serious inconvenience to have to take them at night time, and to the stranger it would be a hopeless puzzle.

My friend may be too modest to register a kick with the council, but his experience involves a matter that is of serious importance. The Lackawanna place entrance is the only one of public convenience connected with the Bloomfield station and should never be closed to the public during train hours. KICKER BY PROXY.

Glen Ridge Notes.
The Wednesday Afternoon Five Hundred Club met at the residence of Miss Ma Belle Skeele of Woodland avenue.

Mrs. A. Homeyn Pierson of Douglas road will be a patroness at the annual ball of the Robinson Club, which is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Tuesday evening, January 23.

Miss Emma Taylor entertained the Auction Bridge Club at her home in Lincoln street Tuesday evening.

Miss M. E. Strachenberg, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. E. Stanton of Hamilton road, has returned to her home in Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Cluthe of Ridgewood avenue entertained the North Side Wednesday Evening Bridge Club.

Invitations for a five hundred party which was to have been given by Miss Florence Knight have been recalled on account of the death of her grandfather, George W. Panoast.

The Utopian Club met Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Roscoe Hart in Douglas road.

Mrs. Henry Blank of Ridgewood avenue entertained the Monday Five Hundred Club at her home Monday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Taylor of Lincoln street is attending a house party at Yale.

Mrs. William J. Cochran of Midland avenue has issued invitations for a bridge to be held Friday afternoon, January 26.

Miss Katharine Schmidt of Ridgewood avenue entertained at luncheon Wednesday for Miss Adeline Van Vlack of New York, who is her house guest.

Mrs. C. M. Fairbanks of Douglas road has issued invitations for a musicale, to be held Thursday, January 26.

Mrs. Thomas L. Terry of Woodland avenue will entertain at bridge next Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. P. Sands of Washington street will entertain at bridge next Monday afternoon.

Mrs. T. H. Soule, who has been visiting friends at Nyack, N. Y., for several weeks, has returned to her home in Lincoln street.

The department of art of the Woman's Club met Wednesday morning at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Waring in Washington street. The subject was "Velasquez."

Miss Anna Lyson, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. F. Bevan at the Boston Navy Yard, will return this week.

Borough Council.
The Glen Ridge Borough Council at a meeting held Monday night, named F. W. Crane of Montclair, as an engineer to represent Glen Ridge while the Lackawanna improvements are being made in the borough. Mr. Crane will have the work inspected and see that it is completed according to specifications. The cost was announced as \$10 per day for the engineer or \$15 per day during the time that an inspector is required. The estimated total cost is not to exceed \$200.

Mayor Standish named Councilmen Best, Skillen and Lord, a special committee to represent the borough in conferences over sewer matters.

In behalf of the Boy Scouts of Glen Ridge, J. E. Pollman requested the use of the council room for two nights every other week. He declared that the boys were willing to pay for the privilege. Since October the Boy Scouts have been using the room temporarily.

During the executive session it was decided to rent the council rooms to the boys, or to any other private organization that may desire the rooms for \$2 per hour. It was specified that such use should not interfere with the sessions of council.

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